

Mapping Tool





Mapping Tool Intro

To submit a complete BIP application, use of the mapping tool is required to provide the service area(s) that will be funded as part of the proposed project. This map will be used to evaluate the eligibility of the proposed project as well as to populate the Public Notice Filing required by the NOFA.



Changes from Round 1

- New definition of unserved
 - The area must be completely without access to Broadband speed as defined in the NOFA (768 Kbps down/ 200 Kbps up) (Round 1 allowed for up to 10% of households in the area to have access)
 - The underserved eligibility criteria has been eliminated. To be eligible no more than 50% of the premises in the **rural portion** of a proposed funded service area can have access to broadband service at the rate of 5 Mbps (combined up/down) or higher.
- Changes to Middle Mile mapping requirements.
- Communities funded by RUS Broadband Loan or Telephone Infrastructure Loan Programs are not eligible for inclusion in a proposed funded service area. A map of these communities will be included in the mapping tool.

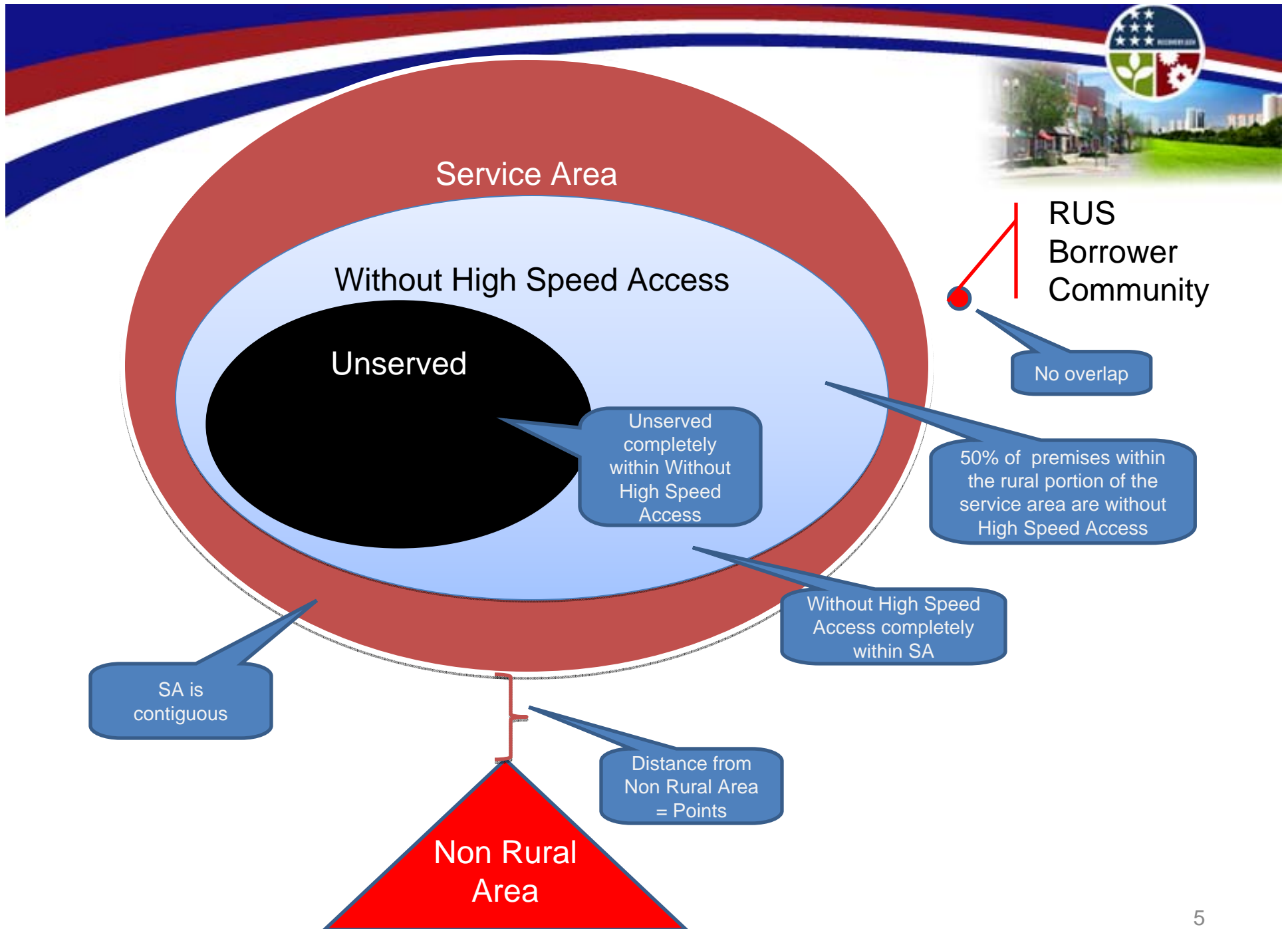


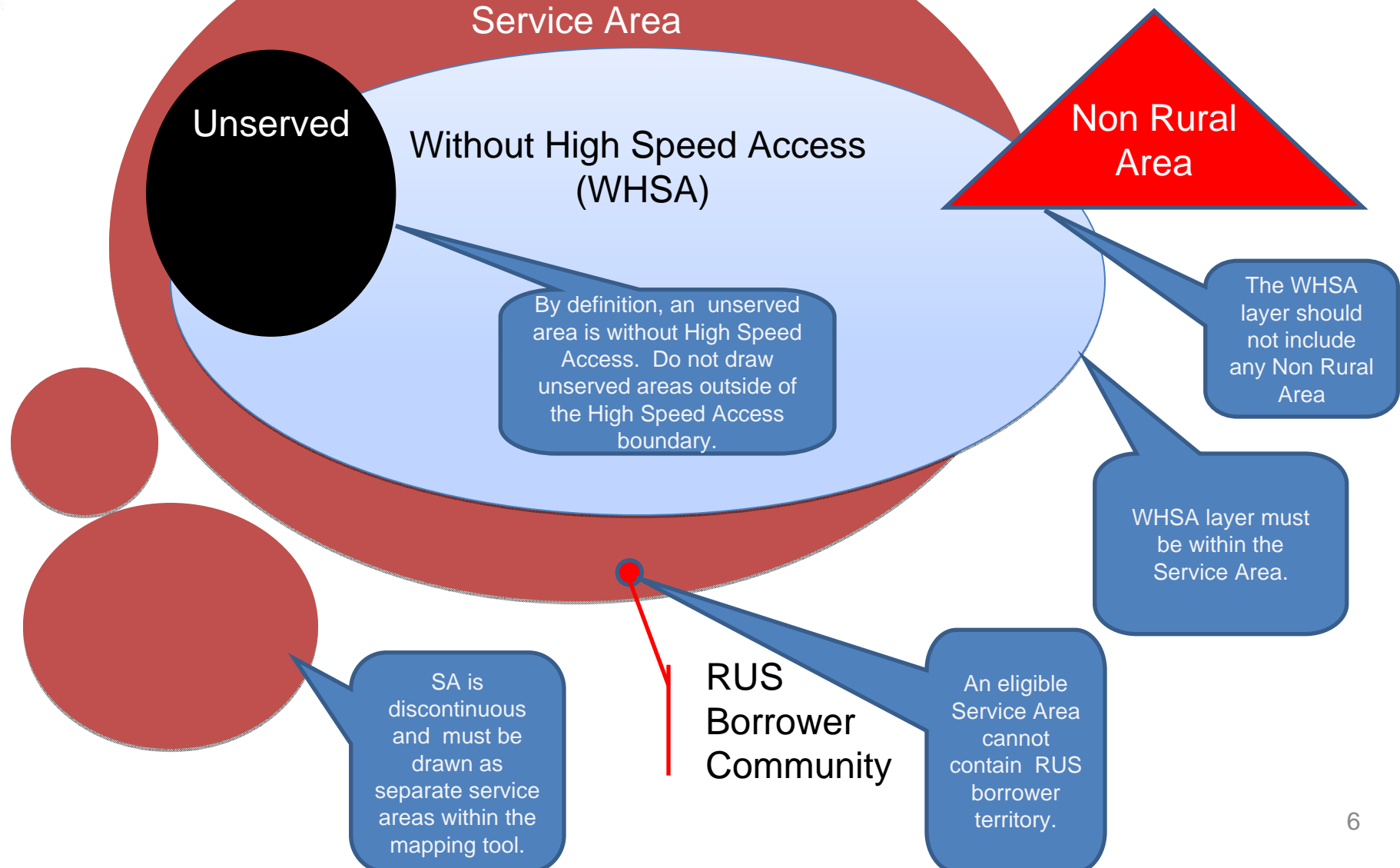
Last Mile Mapping

For Last Mile proposed funded service areas applicants must show:

- Separate polygons for each contiguous service area included in the application.
- The area within the rural portion of each service area without access to 5 Mbps broadband service.
- The unserved area, if applicable, within the rural portion of the service area.

An example follows on the next slide, followed by a slide showing things to not do.



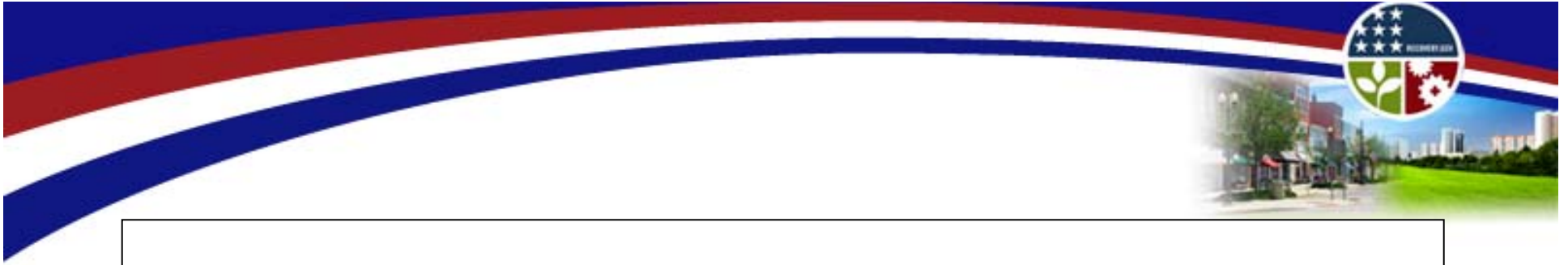




Middle Mile Mapping

For Middle Mile projects, applicants must show:

- The interconnection points. If in a Census place, draw the boundaries of the Census place. If not in a Census place, draw the interconnection point at the closest Census place. **This differs from what was required in Round 1.**
- Indicate per interconnection point which portion does not have High Speed Access.
- Indicate per interconnection point which portion is unserved.



Questions?

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